



## TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

### AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**To:** Town Council

**From:** Matt Hart, Town Manager

**Date:** March 27, 2018

**CC:** Kimberly Boneham, Corporation Counsel

**Subject:** Resolution (Hart) Authorizing the Execution of an Easement in Favor of Eversource Energy (1013)

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**Background:** As Council may recall, Eversource Energy plans to construct a new 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in the greater Hartford area. The improvements are designed to improve reliability, consistent with national and regional standards. The project consists of a 3.7 mile hybrid overhead and underground line to be constructed between the Newington substation in Newington and the Southwest Hartford substation in Hartford, passing through portions of Newington, West Hartford, and Hartford. The new line will be located along the company's existing rights of way, under municipal streets, and along the existing Amtrak rights of way.

As part of its work in West Hartford, Eversource will need a temporary easement to cross town-owned land. Consequently, staff has prepared the attached resolution for the Council's consideration.

**Operational Impact:** Staff has determined that the temporary easement would not disrupt Town operations nor negatively impact the Town's property interests.

**Financial Impact:** The temporary easement would not result in any financial impact on the Town.

**Legal Review:** Corporation counsel has approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

**Project Schedule:** On February 1, Eversource received approval of its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need application from the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC). By the end of the current quarter, Eversource intends to submit its construction plan to the CSC for approval. Eversource estimates that the new transmission line will be in-service by the middle of 2019. For more detail concerning this project, please see the project website at <https://www.eversource.com/content/ct->

[c/about/projects-infrastructure/projects/connecticut-transmission-projects/greater-hartford---central-connecticut-project](https://www.ct.gov/about/projects-infrastructure/projects/connecticut-transmission-projects/greater-hartford---central-connecticut-project).

**Recommendation:** In order to facilitate the construction of this important reliability project, I recommend that the Council act favorably on the attached resolution.

**Attachments:** Proposed resolution and project route map.

**Resolution Authorizing the Execution of  
An Easement in Favor of Eversource Energy**

WHEREAS Connecticut Light & Power doing business as Eversource Energy is planning a Transmission Line Project from Newington to Hartford which was approved by the Connecticut Siting Council on February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS the project requires Eversource Energy to obtain a temporary easement across Town-owned land in order to access the property upon which a portion of the transmission line will be located; and

WHEREAS providing the proposed easement across Town-owned land will not cause any harm to the Town's property interests,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT the Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute an easement in favor of the Connecticut Light and Power Company doing business as Eversource Energy in substantially the form attached hereto.

(Hart)  
3/27/18